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ranning into the bank with a bug of servants andmoney in his hand.

Dence take it! he said; and I'm off to

branch and on our mettle.

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said Black on the way to the station. then he went off Americawards, and I on the way to Nemophillar Vittas. You see I was rather in the habit of calling for a glass of beer add went home, and then went on; and consebag of money. It was vexing, too, be- I told 'em so: but they only laughed the ter you left the bank, young man? . . . Vermont cause we had a tea-party that night, the Good accommodations for enumer boarders first since our marriage, and it began at at reasonable prices -42-13151 six o'chek, and I'd promised to be home an hour earlier, to draw the corks and

way back to the bank. All the way back I went as hard as I Rubber Boots, Over Coats, Over Shoes. shall be responsible for the due custody of the cash whilst it is in his possession in the daytime, and that at night all moneys and securities shall be carefully secured within the office safe, which shall be secured by two keys, one of which shall be in the custody of the manager, and the second in that of the accountant or cashier. But, you say again, as long as you had one key, what did you want with two? There, I own, the regulations are obscure. They were drawn up by somebody without any literary skill, if they'd consulted me about 'em, I could have suggested a good many improvements --What they meant to say was, that the safe was to be secured by two locks, and that a key of each, not interchangeable the one with the other, was to be in the custody, &c. Now you understand why

> I wanted Mr. Consins' key. Eli, my ! said the servant, opening her month wide, and what might you want

Mr. Convins' key for? Just as stupid as you, you see, I was and with the girl. I own I always get Venners cout of temper with those Yorkshire peapie. If you ask 'em the simplest question. first they open their mouths and gape at you. When you've repeated the question twice, they shut their mouths and think for a bit. Then the idea seems to reach the thing that does duty with 'emfor brains, and excites a sort of reflex ac-And that makes me so mad. Oh, they're

1. Where is he?

Don't ve know? says she Know? I cried in a rage. What should l ask you for, if I did know?

in my desk, so I put it in my pocket man who had deposited it. I had given at once, and sea the directors. Have the RUSS WOOD, MARIOGANY, BLACK WALKUT and took it home, thinking I'd give it to no receipt for it, no acknowledgement. first word, and tell them all about It—all coursels as CASKETS.

Consin with my key, to put it in the safe Black had gone to America—a bundred the rectionary arrived for the trotting match, announced sense. A nice meas I got into when I reached turn; at all events, here was respite, im- will look over it. home; for you see it had been arranged mediate rollef: I could go to the bank "stylins fore anybody came; and that then our everything would go on as before. If room was to be made ready for the ladies. Black returned, my word was as good as to take their bonnets off-for they were his. The notes and checks could never me out. not all carriage-people. Well you never he traced home. But I don't think I resaw such a thing? When I got home and tained this thought long. Do you ever

Upon my worst, I reastly didn't like to per- had his money. and my dress-clothes were all smothered ed-there's been a robbery. I got through pretty well, and had just hands; and are the men gone? got one of my legs into my trousers. Yes, I said. at the knocker, and I heard my wife sent- are safe! Never mind the rest, Jack, as pounds, for it cost thirty, and you've on- ed in a trine.

own earriage, and everything grand. see if they've taken that.

put the key is my packet-I am the at- klosing Mrs. Markly usest affectionately; two thorsand pounds. She wouldn't be- you'd lost a ficket, you could make the ground by two younger aspirants, who countant of the North and South of Eng. I could hear the reports where I stood. | lieve me at first; but when she heard the man give you another; and Brooks, the made common cause against the aged Yorks -I had got my hat on, and had beautifully you arrange everything! I Yet she had wits about her more than I who, perhaps, would help me out of my lady was the center of attraction in her taken up my umbiella, when a man came can't have things so bloe, with all my had.

hand at the top of the stairs.

I heard a flutter of female wings on the at once, Jack, this very moment. Every the ticket-it's stolen. Liverpool by the next train and then to stairs. What was I to do! If I could second lost may be ruln to us, have managed the other leg. I wouldn't Away I went to the town hall. This He was a slow-speeched man, with a red hills, heard of her, and made a pligrim-Sorry for R. I said; but we can't take have minded, but I couldn't. I hadn't was a big, classic place, with an immense face, and a tremendous corporation. worn those dress-things for a good while, portico and a huge flight of steps; but Nay, he says, ma lad; thou'rt wrong truth. He got the girl, too, although Well, then, what is to be done? Here's and I don't get any thinner as I grow you didn't go into the portico to get to there. twenty-two thousand pounds in this beg older. No, for the life of me, I couldn't the police office, but to the side, which What do you mean? I said, coloring out a writ of habeus corpus to prevent and those dishes of mine come due in a dispose of that other leg at such short wasn't classical at all, but of the rudi- up furiously. Every one suspected me, it her being carried out of the county. They couple of days. Well, you'll have to notice. What could I do? I could only mentary style of architecture, and you seemed. take 'em up he said; I cau't, unless you rush to the door, and set my back against went along a number of echoing stone. Whol, it might hat been stolen once. This is, I am aware, a rather sad endit. Did I tell you this was our house passages before you reached the superin- but it aren't now; "ave got it here. This ing for so good a story, but devotion to I knew that those drafts were coming warming party? I think not. Did I tell tendent's office. due, and that our manager was a little you our landlord had altered the house. When I'd told the superintendent the comes in, and says: Master, what'll you the simple, unvariabled reality. auxious about them, for they were rather for us, making our bedroom larger by ad- story -- Ab, he said. I think I know who give me for this era ticket? Now, you She ought to have married that fellow heavy, and the other names on them were ding a slip that had formed a reperate did that job. not very good. Black, too, -that was the room? I think not. And yet I ought to Ob, said I, how thankful I am? Then nought in that kind of way, but I says to so long, and at such fearful discomfort. man with money-bag-Black was a capit- have told you all these circumstances, to you can put your hands upon him and the chapt. Let's have a look at it; and He wanted her, and he was a poor, billal sustainer himself, but he brought good enable you to understand the catastrophe get back the money. I want the money then I saw it was yours, and I said to the one dyspeptic, whom her splendid cookaccounts with him, and we were a young that followed. In a word, the door open-back, Mr. Saperintendent, never mind man: My lad, you aren't come honest ing would have soon restored to usefulmi outwards. I'd forgotten that pecular- him. I wouldn't mind, indeed, rewards by this. Well, here was the money to meet the liv-never having had a room so constiling him for his trouble. If I could only And you gave him into custody, he's -Louisville Courier. drafts, anyhow, and I should have been a tuted before -and never will sgaln. The get the money back. great fool to send it away just because it door went open with a crash, and I Sit! said the superintendent severely fellow you are!

selfane Carm to and from the care whime checks and notes, and three thousand in was there ever such an untoward affair! we aren't going to encourage composition know you gents don't care about these Come and have a glass of beer with me. I hopped back into my room. I hid my on Flashy Joe, for he did the job mark slaps my fist on the counter, and I says: head among the botsters and muffs, and you-well, what do you think the liberty Hook it! just like that. And away be I put the bag of money is my desk, and abnost cried; for I'm such a delicate- of the subject is for? Where's your evi- went like a lamp-lighter, locked it up. I would come back present-minded man. Yes, it hurt me a good dence? iy, and have it placed in the safe. I deal more than it did Mrs. Markby, for, I was obliged to confess I hadn't any; powered with emotion. I walked to the station with Black; whald you believe it?-she told the story whereat the superintendent looked at me And what's more, went on Brooks, he we had some beer together, and down below to the whole company, with contemptnously. pantomimic action-and when I showed Now, let's see into this matter, said he, the coat. myself at the door of the drawing room, after be'd made some notes on a bit of What coat? I cried. I was received with shoets of linextin- paper, How came they to know you'd got A very nice brown coat he put up with good joke, rarely fall to improve it. Al-

guishable laughter! I think I called the Yorkshire people

more. sort of duil bursting noise. I wasn't got talking to this friend of yours? really cortain at first whether I had heard could pelt. However, the money was all right; and didn't we have a dance of joy all round the house!

It often happens that telegraphers are was all right; and didn't we have a dance of joy all round the house!

It often happens that telegraphers are were those regular beats, the tramp of somebody's muffled feet? Then I heard the crib at the time, and he heard you; and bolted with the spoils of the one shown in Byron's "Across the one shown in Byron's "Acros But you had it in your pocket, say you; creak a door sheing opened slowly and which shows that you are not acquainted which shows that you are not acquainted and you haven't got blinds, but a wire the hall; but if he had taken the pains to the one shown in Byron's "Across the which shows that you are not acquainted and you haven't got blinds, but a wire the hall; but if he had taken the pains to the one shown in Byron's "Across the which shows that you are not acquainted and you haven't got blinds, but a wire the hall; but if he had taken the pains to the one shown in Byron's "Across the which shows that you are not acquainted and you haven't got blinds, but a wire the hall; but if he had taken the pains to the one shown in Byron's "Across the which shows that you are not acquainted and you haven't got blinds, but a wire the hall; but if he had taken the pains to the one shown in Byron's "Across the which shows that you are not acquainted and you haven't got blinds, but a wire the hall; but if he had taken the pains to the one shown in Byron's "Across the which shows that you are not acquainted and you haven't got blinds, but a wire the hall; but if he had taken the pains to the ball; but if he had taken the pains to the ball taken with the rules and regulations of the Strike," and it is then that the operator bashed into my head—Twenty-two thous outside can see you counting out the gold have been a rion—mough perhaps a misside can see you counting out the gold have been a rion—mough perhaps a misside can see you counting out the gold have been a rion—mough perhaps a misside can see you counting out the gold have been a rion—mough perhaps a misside can see you counting out the gold have been a rion—mough perhaps a misside can see you counting out the gold have been a rion—mough perhaps a misside can see you counting out the gold have been a rion—mough perhaps a misside can see you counting out the gold have been a rion—mough perhaps a misside can see you counting out the gold have been a rion—mough perhaps a misside can see you counting out the gold have been a rion—mough perhaps a misside can see you counting out the gold have been a rion—mough perhaps a misside can see you counting out the gold have been a rion—mough perhaps a misside can see you counting out the gold have been a rion—mough perhaps a misside can see you counting out the gold have been a rion—mough perhaps a misside can see you counting out the gold have been a rion—mough perhaps a misside can see you counting out the gold have been a rion—mough perhaps a misside can see you counting out the gold have been a rion—mough perhaps a misside can see you counting out the gold have been a rion—mough perhaps a misside can see you counting out the gold have been a rion—mough perhaps a misside can see you counting out the gold have been a rion—mough perhaps a misside can see you counting out the gold have been a rion—mough perhaps a misside can see you counting out the gold have been a rion—mough perhaps a misside can see you counting out the gold have been a rion—mough perhaps a misside can see you counting out the gold have been a rion—mough perhaps a misside can see you counting out the gold have been a rion—mough perhaps a misside can see you counting out the gold have been a Ladies and Gent's, Misses and Children's, of all North and South of England Bank, which styles and qualities, and different manufacture. Say that the accountant or chief cashier and junketing, and laughing and chaffing, had completely driven out of my mind

> coat pocket, which was hanging up in the put your money into your coat pocket. hall, down stairs. Puff! a gust of wind came through the ail's quiet, he cracks the crib. Oh, ft's house, rattling the doors and windows; all in a nutshell; and that's how property and then I heard a door slam, and a foot- goes. And then you come to the police.

step outside of some one stealing cautioushind, and a little cash-pocket on the left rope, like.

Great heavens! it was gone!

thing was still and cold and dark. tion, for, by jingo! instead of answering gone. I repeated these words mechani- ed, hang-log fellow myself? Did a few see so novel a sight. There was a tree Pepper how's your mother? came from cally to myself, as I crawled up stairs, hours' misery change a man like this? near by which soon became black with the instrument, and Pepper thoroughly your question, they go and ask you one All the results of this loss pictured them. Why, I was a very felon in appearance; spectators who had climbed up to get a mystified, turned suddenly to his fair selves clearly before me-dismissal from and so I should be thought to be. Who better view. The branches were finally partner to express his utter astonishment a very dense ruce, those Yorkshire peo- the bank, rulu of all my prospects, utter would believe this story of a robbery? so burdened that one by one they broke, at the most singular circumstance. numbered my faculties. My chief desire the world. was to crawl into bed, and full askep. Then my wife came down stairs, and amount of persuasion by those beneath gan to look about the theatre for Pephoping never to wake. But morning with a few touches, restored a little order him, envious of his better view, could in-Didn't then know he were at that would come, surely enough-morning and sanity, both to outward matters and duce him to come down-even a bribe of Jim saw the effect of his experiment,

that he was one of the gaests at my wife's I go to bed and say nothing at all about and after I had caten and drank I didn't preparations went on space. The savory girl all about it when there came another party. Clear y, I couldn't get the safe it? No one knew of my having received | reel so bad. open and Lilldn't like to leave the money and a soul but Black, the Jack, she said, you must go to London toxicate the crowd, which pressed nearer That won't do, old Pepper, I know you crept up stairs to dress-the people had consider how much resolution and force eign last night and I couldn't.

week tling away into the hall. They were the as long as our lives are safe. But there's 'y had five upon it. Self the ticket. One old fellow, proprietor of a store tured him.

Am I in time? he cried. I shook my you know the room-my room, right They must telegraph to all the stations, put a good face upon it.

was after-hours. So I counted it all over: bounded backwards into Mrs. Markby's the police sin't sent into the world to get Nay, he said; I knowed better nor that. there was about nineteen thousand in arms. Smelling sais and sal volatile, people's money back, nothing of the sort; Do you think I'd hexpose a customer? I The mosic struck up for the dances as or felony; and as for putting our hands little matters getting abroad; and so I

the money in your coat?

quently, from the force of habit, Pd aldeuse just now, didn't 1? Well, Pil add Ah, but I know, said the superinten-I said I didn't know. most get home before I remembered the another epithet-coarse-deuse and coarse. dent. You went to get a glass of sie af-

I was obliged to confess I had done so. The guests were gone, the lights were That's how property gets stolen, said the breast pocket—there was the roll of deemed the least exhausting measure of out, slumber had just visited my eyes, he, looking at me severely. And what's when right into my brain, startling me more, you had a glass with a friend?- and pounds. was six o'clock, and I had to go all the up as if I'd been shot, came a noise, a Ah? I knew you had. And perhaps you

Yes, indeed, I had.

cantionaly. All in a moment the idea netting over the window, and anybody look into the pockets of the coat, he'd

Yes; I see it all, said the superinten- ed. all thought of the large sum I had in my dent, just as Joe saw it. He follows you possession. I had left it in my great- up from here to yonder, and he sees you and then he follows you home, and when

That's true, I said.

you send after him and catch him? Away down stairs I went like a mad- Oh, we know our own business, sir;

Borrow some of Consins.

night, and then we were in funds.

BURGLARIOUSLY AND PRESIDENCE. Markbus, our tramposeds, who kept their my waterproof, Jack-oh! do run and Yos; but where ever the ticket? Why, and owner of a big saw-mill, proposed So kind of you, dear! said my wife. Then I told her the story of the (wenty- great coat. Still, I had heard, that if was quickly collared and fed off the So delighted! Really, how nicely, how whole story, she was frightened enough. pawn-broker, was a respectable fellow, suitor, saw mill and all. That young You must run off to the town half, Jack way to the station. I felt like a ticket of ed twenty-five offers of marriage the first Bus op-stairs, dear, dol said my wife; she said, and set the police to work, leave man as I went into his shop, but I week, and her fame spread through all

is how it were. A cadging sort o' chap the truth compels me to give nothing but know the hact don't allow us to give who sat up there in the crotch of the tree

In prison? Old Brooks, what a capital

here it is. It was my identical brown great coat, money, there were the fwenty-two thous-

a noise or only dreamed of it. I saf up Very well; and mentioned about the safe away! Mary knew by my face it by shied his tobacco box at the head of the

COOKING FOR A HUSBAND.

about her did my soul good. For years of Jim ----, a well known attache of past, as mere matter of form, the officers the Western Union: coat with long tails, and two pockets be- for the next. We'll give him a bit of oidest inhabitant. This year, however, part in the most important act of the play the young lady of whom I am speaking Jim was engaged. hand side in front, and this breast pocket I couldn't put any fire into the man, do determined to compete for the prize. Her His position was such that he could see in which I had put the bag of money. what I could; he was civil, that is for a name-I wish I could immortalize it- the audience without being seen, and This pocket wasn't, as is usual, on the Yorkshireman; impassive; he'd do what was Kate Janaway. The fair men set up when, upon taking his position, discoverteft hand side, but on the right. There was right. I'd given the information; a stove for her, stretched a canvas to log in the auditorium a brother operator was no other coat hanging on those rails, very well, all the rest was his business. shield her from the sun, and about eleven from Memphis, by name Pepper-who only my wife's water-proof. What a So I came home miserable, despairing of clock of the last day she went to work, bad that day strived in town-he determined to get hold of that coat! It was just day-light by this time, and as The matter had been talked about by mined to have a little sport on his own I opened the shutters, the debris of our every one in the neighborhood, and curi- account. I had carefully barred and chained the feast was revealed; the less of the jobster osity was on tiptoe. A crowd collected Accordingly when the time came for front door before I went to bed-now it salad, the picked bones of the chickens, around the place where the stove was set the sending of the first despatch, Jim was unfastened. I ran out into the street the melted residuam of the jellies; whilst up early in the morning, and kept in loudly sounded on his machine the words, and looked up and down, hopeless and about everything hung the faint smell of creasing, but when Miss Kate herself, a How are you Pepper? be wildered. It was a dark, damp night; sour wine. I sat down smid all this boxom, handsome girl of nineteen, daughthe lump at the corner threw a long sickly wretched mass, and leaned my head on ter of the ex-Mayor of the town, appeared caught the words instantly, and wonderray down the streaming pavement, but my arms in duit, miserable lethargy, on the ground, and, putting on a white ing 'who the duce it was,' straightened up there wasn't a soul to be seen. Every- Then I sprang up, and as I did so I apron and rolling up her sleeves, com- and stared at the stage as if he would The moon was clean gone-yes, it was glass Good heavens! was this wretch- were nothing. Every one was eager to something more. Ahl so be was. I'd nearly forgotten

Then the thought came to me: Should and an egg and some bread and butter, to see or die. Meanwhile the dinner Pepper hadn't got through telling his smell of the cooking food seemed to in- message.

Consin with my key, to put it in the safe Black had gone to America -a hundred the particulars. It was only a little bit arrived for the trotting match, announced sense. things might happen be might never re- of carelessuess, after all, and perhaps they as the sport of the day, but the amphist This roused the telegraph boys to the the ater was empty. The judges (with the exception of one crabbed old widow. Yes; that's all very well, I said. But ar), the timers, all were missing, and so stood up, gazing longingly about them as that I was to go up stairs and dress be- next morning, hang up my hat as neunl, how am I to get there? I've got no nothing could be done. At half-past two if their only object in life was to dismoney. This wretched party has cleared the dinner was announced ready, and cover Pepper. He asked me to lend him a sover- with ill-disguised envy. A roast of beef, all come, so the servant said-there were of will it takes to initiate a course of Now, you'll say: Here's a man with the table, then followed corn-pudding, to mortification when he saw so many six muffs, and four bonnets, and five crime and deception? I'd neither the out resource. Why didn't he pawn his whose deficate aroma fell apon the offace eyes evidently leveled at him, and at last pork-pie hats, and half a dozen shawls on one nor the other: I should have broken watch? To tell you the truth, that's what tories of the excited growd "like breezes eniminated in his withdrawal from the PERCALES SHEETS, ETC., ETC.,
the bed; and one indy had left her every-down at once. I couldn't have met that day curis hanging ever the looking glass? fellow's eye and told him I had never money was all gone. Then, under these etables, cooked to perfection, followed circumstances, you'll add, it was immoral next. The judges ate and ate, praising a parting shot, and as he faded from view form my toilet among all these feminine. I woke my wife she'd stept through to give a party. But, you'll bear in mind the flavor of the food and the skill of the he bore to his ears: Good bye Pepper. gear; and there was no lock to the door; all the trouble. Mary, I said, we're ruin- the invitations had been out for a fort- cook at every mouthful. But when at Put your trust in Providence, but keep last a desert of piping hot apple-dump- your powder dry. up amongst these muffs and things. But A robbery! cried she, clasping her Well, Jack, said my wife, you must get lings made its appearance, the forbear. Those who appreciated the affair were the man-the P. B.-to give you some ance of the crowd was at an end. They much amused, and so, indeed, was the when bang-atrop-dop-dop! such a rattle Oh, thank Heaven, she said, then we right out. It must be worth at least ten one accord, and the dumplings disappear. victims himself, when, on the following

in the little cash-pocket of my brown to the young lady on the spot, but be difficulty. I went to him anyhow, on my town after the cooking feast. She receivthe country round. An old bachelor felto London, and everywhere! Oh, do go Brooks, I said, that watch-you know low down in Grandy County, with a farm so big that it takes bim all day to Brooks gave a most portentens wink, ride around it, and cattle on a hundred age all the way to that town to learn the some of the young men of the place sued

ness and society; but he was poor. Ah!

PEPPER.

CALIFORNIA STORY OF A TELEGRAPH OFFRATOR.

The following story originated, we believe, with the San Francisco Post. We I sank down on the counter, over- give it in the words of the Californian writer:

Many amusing stories have been told of never took up the money I'd lent him for the testive freaks of telegraph operators who, whenever afforded an opportunity for the display of their penchant for a me. About fit you, I should think. See most everybody has heard of the operator in an eastern city, who on a hot summer day, desiring to borrow a chew of to with my own handkerchief. I made a room, instead of making known his redart at, opened it, plunged my hard into qust by words of mouth, show what he inditing a despatch, which, travelling over a circuit of upwards of a thousand How did I go to the bank that morning miles, in about two minutes reached the on legs or- wings? And how did I get identical office whence it started, much to home, as soon as I had put the money the surprise of the other chap, who bland-

erable and insecure-man, and I should behind the scenes manages to amuse himhave been utterly and deservedly ruin. self by "talking" to the "fraternity" in the audience, unknown of course to most of those present, who find no meaning in

the "click" of the instrument. As an evidence that the operators of I heard of a young lady the other day our city are not behindhand in the matter in Middle Tennessee. The story told of having their fun, the following related

But if you know its Joe, why don't of the County Fair had been in the habit During the theatricle season of last of offering a premium to the lady (un. year, the drama of "The Long Strike" married) cooking the best dinner. It was was produced at one of our theatres, and man, my one thought to put my hand on you leave it all to us; we shall have Joe a dead letter. Nobody had contested for for the manipulation of the telegraph that great coat. It was a brown great tight enough, if not for this job, anyhow the premium within the memory of the instrument, which plays an important

caught sight of myself in the looking- menced operations, all other attractions have given two dollars and a half to know

Why, to open the safe, you stopid, said rain, in fact! What could I do? to what Why, the police didn't believe in it, else precipitating, those upon them to the As luck would have it, the auditorium turn? The blow that had fallen upon me they'd have taken a different tone. No; ground, until only one man was left in held several telegraphers, who this was so heavy and sudden, that it had be- I should be looked upon as a thief by all the tree. He sat in a lofty fork, with time saw that Jim was up to one of his eyes riveted on the scene below. No old tricks, and with one accord they be-

the jodges, happy men, scated themselves? Pepper felt that they knew him, and deficately done, was put scenning upon covering his handsome features, grew in

day, he learned who had so neatly cap-